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Honorable Dean Rusk
Secretary of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

As you know, the President transmitted to the Congress, on May 27, Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1965, entitled "Abolition of Certain Committees, Councils, and Boards," which includes the Board of the Foreign Service and the Board of Examiners of the Foreign Service (copy enclosed).

Upon the taking effect of the Reorganization Plan, the President will probably wish to issue, within a matter of days, an Executive order to establish two new bodies corresponding generally to the two existing foreign service personnel boards which will be abolished by the Reorganization Plan. Since the Department of State has provided the chairmen of these two groups in the past, I request that you have your staff prepare a draft of such an Executive order. In preparing this draft, I request that you give particular attention to questions of membership and functions to assure that both reflect the current situation in the foreign affairs community.

The Reorganization Plan must lie before the Congress for 60 days before it comes into effect. I believe that the draft Executive order should be in the hands of the reviewing agencies 30 days prior to that time. I hope it will be possible to hold to this time schedule as you proceed to develop the draft Executive order.

Sincerely,

(signed) Kermit Gordon

Director

Enclosure